

## House Resolution No. 147

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State high school athletic programs that truly embody the highest standards of sportsmanship, teamwork, training, and perseverance throughout the competitive season; and

**Whereas**, Orrick High School sponsors a football team that captured State Champion honors with a 20-8 win over the Thayer Bobcats on November 24, 2007, in the Edward Jones Dome of Saint Louis during Missouri State High School Activities Association Class 1 action; and

**Whereas**, the 14-0 Orrick football Bearcats withstood the attack of a very formidable opponent in the previously undefeated Thayer Bobcats; and

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives realize the importance of inspiring athletes in all aspects of life, and the coaching staff of the Bearcats, consisting of head coach Patrick Richard and assistant coaches Mitch Comstock, Elliott Rice, Kody Rogers, and Bryan O'Dell, have done an exceptional job in sharing those qualities; and

**Whereas**, the 2007 football Bearcats included Willie Duncan, Jimmy Bilton, Joe Kaufman, Turner Twyman, Clayton Jones, All-State Defensive Lineman Matt O'Dell, Taylor Griffin, Logan Eubank, Cole Dennis, Kalija Rogers, Paul Miller, All-State Running Back Taylor Eubank, All-State Defensive Back Aaron Blyth, Dakota Harth, Jason Snow, Cam Griffin, All-State Off Lineman Jerry O'Dell, Jordyn Butler, Justin Pierson, Calvin O'Dell, Ray Brooks, Jake Waters, All-State Defensive Lineman Leslee Eubank, Ty Griffin, Cameron McGlothlin, Nick Lafferty, Josh Lawley, Devin Pierson, Zach Nichols, Eric Rodenberg, and Aaron James; and

**Whereas**, the 2007 state champion Bearcats football players were encouraged and supported by a cheerleading squad consisting of Alisha Branham, Brooke Endsley, Shelby Harth, Bailee Jefferies, Leslie LaFavor, Amanda Rodenberg, Taylor Ruhnke, and Cerin Wright:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the stellar season accomplishments garnered by the Orrick football Bearcats and to convey to all of those involved this legislative body's most heartfelt congratulations upon the team earning the title of State Champions in 2007; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of the Orrick High School football program.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Bob Nance  
District No. 36

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,  
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session,  
do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House  
Resolution No. 147, adopted January 17, 2008.

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Rod Jetton, Speaker